

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, if you would note, members of the Legislature, on the committee action on it I was not present at the time this was voted out of committee, or I would have had amendments at that particular time. I did get in contact with my city, Holdrege, of the first class and conferred with them on this. They believed, as I did, that the property owner should be by front footage rather than by just property owner. By just being property owners you might have 300 feet in there, and the next one have 50 feet, and he would have the same amount of control as you would with that entire 300 feet. So this follows the path of the other legislative action that we have regarding the petitioning and such of that, paving, so on and so forth. It's by the front footage. All the other one actually does is take care of the situation so that instead of the word "may", the word "shall" will be inserted back in here so that it could be and should be paid out of the general fund money, rather than leaving the option. I would ask for the adoption of the amendments.

SENATOR BARNETT: Any other thing, Senator Duis, at this time? Senator George, then Senator Nichol, then Senator Koch.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, I completely agree with Senator Duis' amendment. It's a good amendment. It clarifies the language. I have only one amendment to Senator Duis' amendment. In section 2, I believe it would be line 25, Senator Duis has changed the word "may" again to "shall", my amendment to Senator Duis' amendment would be to change it back to "may".

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator George, are you amending?

SENATOR GEORGE: Amending Senator Duis' amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Would you write it down for us please and get it up here. We'll be at ease for just a second while Senator George writes up this amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment offered by Senator George is to the Duis amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Duis, would you listen to this amendment please.

CLERK: (Read George amendment found on page 1285 of the Journal).

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, members. I'm changing that one word in the Duis amendment, which as I said otherwise is a good amendment, because this one word was a very crucial word in the interpretation of the bond attorneys. If we leave that word "shall" in the Duis amendment then the bond attorneys will interpret this as no backup by general obligation bonds. Therefore, the original intent of this bill, to lower the interest rate on those bonds, will not be accomplished. It is very important to change the word "shall" back to "may", otherwise this bill wouldn't make much sense. Therefore, I move the adoption of my amendment to the Duis amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Duis.